



Grimsley High School  
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This document is not meant to be inclusive of all rules or regulations at Grimsley High School. Other regulations may be added or adjustments made as deemed necessary by administration.

For a full list of rules and regulations, please see the GCS Student Handbook and complete GHS handbook at <https://grimsleyhs.gcsnc.com/>

Students must read and abide by all rules and regulations set forth therein.

Promotion Requirements

During each year of high school, students earn units of credit for courses successfully completed. Students are classified by grade according to the number of units earned.

Classification	Units Earned
10th grade	5 units
11th grade	10 units
12th grade	16 units

Graduation Requirements

Language Arts	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	3 units
Social Studies	4 units
PE/Health	1 unit
Electives	6 units
Total	22 units

Grading Scale

Final	Numerical Grade	AP/IB	Honors	Standard
A	90-100	5	4.5	4
B	89-90	4	3.5	3
C	70-79	3	2.5	2
D	60-69	2	1.5	1
F	0-69	0	0	0

EOCs, GCS Final Exams, and VoCats

The North Carolina End-of-Course Tests are subject area tests designed to provide information about each student's performance relative to that of other students in North Carolina. All final Exams count as 20% of a student's final grade. Student who does not take the exam will receive a zero. The following tests will administered during the 2023-24 school year:

- Math I & III
- Biology
- English 10
- All CTE Courses
- ACT – all 11<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Work Keys – select 12<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Selected courses must take GCS Final Exams

Transcript Requests

Transcripts can be requested through the Electronic Transcript Request system. <https://guilfordnc.scriborder.com/>. Contact the Counseling Office with questions.

Student Attendance

Definition of being “in attendance” — To be considered “in attendance,” a student must be present in the school for at least one-half of the class period or at a place other than the school with the approval of school officials to attend an authorized school activity. Such activities include, but may not be limited to, field trips, athletic contests or other competitions, student conventions, music festivals or concerts or other activities approved by the school.

**Excused Absences** —Excused absences are short-term illness or injury with a doctor's note, illness/injury with a parent's note, medical/dental appointments, court proceedings, military obligations, family trips (request must be made in writing prior to the absence), college visits, suspensions, and expulsion.

**Unexcused Absences** — Unexcused absences are defined as the student's willful absence from school without the knowledge of the parents/guardians, or the student is absent without justifiable causes with the knowledge of the parents/guardians. Absences and tardies considered unlawful include, but are not limited to oversleeping, missing the bus, car trouble, missing one's ride, family or personal issues (unless approved by an administrator), and family trips without prior approval.

Checking in Late or after Early Release

**Students checking in to school ten minutes after the start of the school day or returning to school after an early release, must check in through the Attendance Office for an admission slip. Admit Slip for a Previous Day's Absence—**

Students having an “excused absence” note from a parent/guardian should report to the Attendance Office between 9:00-9:15 to drop off their note. The information will be updated in PowerSchool.

Tardy Policy

A student is considered tardy to class if he/she is not in his/her assigned location when the bell rings. If a student is late to school and has a written excuse from a parent, the student must first come to the attendance office to get a pass to class. If a student arrives late to school **without** a note but it is within ten minutes after the final bell rings, the student should report directly to class. If the student arrives to school ten minutes **after** the final bell rings **without** a note, they **must** report to the attendance office.

- 1<sup>st</sup> tardy – teacher warning and parent contact
- 2<sup>nd</sup> tardy – teacher-given consequence and parent contact
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy – teacher-given consequence and parent contact
- 4<sup>th</sup> and beyond – administrative referral and parent contact

\*The tardy count restarts each quarter.

\*\*Students arriving to class more than 5 minutes late without an excused note will be considered skipping and subject to disciplinary action.

**\*10-10 Rule Enforced – students are not allowed to leave the classroom for the First 10mins and Last 10mins of class unless it is an emergency.**

Lunch

*Seniors and Juniors are the only students allowed to leave campus during lunch. Parking Passes and student ID's can be checked at the parking lot gate. Underclassmen are not allowed to go to the parking lot or to leave campus.*

*During lunch underclassmen are allowed in the cafeteria, Grove, Plaza area and front of school for sports.*

Clubs

There are numerous clubs and organizations which students may choose to participate in. A full list is available on the school website. Students are encouraged to listen to the daily announcements and / or to talk to their teachers/counselors to obtain more information regarding the many opportunities for involvement on campus.

Athletics

Grimsley High fields the following teams for boys: football, soccer, basketball, baseball, golf, cross country, track & field, lacrosse, swimming/diving, wrestling, cheerleading and tennis. Teams for girls are as follows: soccer, basketball, tennis, lacrosse, swimming/diving, track & field, cross country, volleyball, softball, golf, field hockey, flag football and cheerleading. Tryouts for each sport are held throughout the year at various times and are coordinated by each sport's coach. **Students must meet academic and attendance requirements for eligibility and have a current physical on file.**

Sporting/After School Events

Students are encouraged to attend sporting and extra-curricular events/activities.

Sporting Season Passes can be purchased via the Grimsley Athletic Booster Club.

Students suspended from school will not be allowed to attend after school events.

Grimsley reserves the right to deny admission to sporting and after school events.

PTSA

Your participation in PTSA will strengthen the efforts of Grimsley High to provide students with the best opportunities for healthy physical, mental, moral, and social development. Your interest and support will help maintain the kind of homes, schools, and communities that will allow young men and women to grow into productive adults. We extend an invitation to all parents, staff, and students to join PTSA.

Athletic Booster Club

The Whirlie Booster Club was organized to support all athletic programs. This dedicated group of parents and supporters furnish valuable financial assistance and encouragement to all Grimsley’s athletic teams. We encourage all Whirlie fans to become members. If you are interested in joining the Athletic Booster Club, please visit the Whirlie Athletic App or contact Athletic Director Evan Fancourt

Fees and Fines

Fees and fines incurred by students (lost texts, Chromebooks, media fines, missing uniforms, etc.) must be paid by the end of the year. Students will not be allowed to purchase a parking pass until all fines are paid in full. Seniors will not receive their graduation tickets until all fines are paid in full.

Visitors (campus and cafeteria)

ALL VISITORS must report to the Main Office. Students are not allowed to have visitors at school at any time. In addition, visitors are not allowed in the parking lots before or after school.

Restricted Areas of Campus

Upon arrival at school students are to remain on campus until official dismissal. Students are not allowed to loiter in the parking lot or in other areas surrounding the school before, during, or after school. When students arrive, they should leave the parking lot in a timely manner and are not allowed back into parking lot until the end of the day without administrative approval. Students are not allowed in the faculty restrooms, work rooms, or lounge areas.

After Hours on Campus: Learning Hub

As soon as the bell rings at 4:20, students must exit the building. Under no circumstances will students be allowed to congregate in the hallways or communal areas. GHS Learning Hub begin promptly at 4:30 Monday’s and Wednesday’s and are held in the GHS cafeteria. In order for students to ride the Learning Hub bus, they must get a signed pass from their Learning Hub Leader. Students who do not have a signed, dated bus pass will not be allowed on the Learning Hub bus for any reason. Students not following GHS Learning Hub expectations will not be permitted to attend the GHS Learning Hub.

Medications

All medication must be administered through the guidance office. It is the responsibility of the student to complete the form required for administration of medication. Under no circumstances are students allowed to distribute their medications to other students. Please see the GCS handbook for consequences associated with violating this policy.

Hall Passes

Every time a student leaves the classroom during instructional time, he/she MUST have a hall pass in hand. Students who are in the hallways during class time or during lunch will face disciplinary action.

Student Dress Code Policy

Each GCS student is expected to use good taste in choosing clothing for the school day so as not to interfere with the educational process. If you think your item or outfit might be questionable, then choose to wear something else.

- Students must always wear shoes
- Students may not possess or display bandanas on Grimsley property (including buses) or at any GHS function.
- Jewelry or accessories that could be used as a harmful object may not be worn.
- Clothing, jewelry, or accessories depicting alcoholic beverages, weapons, controlled substances, Confederate flags, or anything obscene or offensive in nature will not be worn.

Grimsley High School and Guilford County Schools reserve the right to modify this policy as necessary and reserve the right to determine what might be disruptive and unsafe. The dress code policy is in effect every day of the school year, including the first and last weeks, exam days, shortened days, snow days, and special events unless otherwise noted.

Students in violation will be sent to SI and asked to change the offensive clothing or to call a parent to bring additional clothing. Repeat offenders will face disciplinary actions in accordance with Rule 28 in the GCS Student Code of Conduct.

Classroom Disruption

Students should not disrupt the instruction of the classroom teacher or the learning of other students. The teacher will attempt to correct this type of misbehavior with a warning and classroom consequences. If this student does not respond to these interventions the teacher may send the student to another class and/or class for an Administrator. Serious classroom disruptions may be directly referred to an administrator.

Student Electronics Policy

All students will be assigned a Google Chrome Book at the start of the school year. Students are responsible for all content on their assigned Google Chrome Book. Damaged or Lost Chrome Books will be replaced or returned once repaired or located. Replacement Devices are limited and not guaranteed.

North Carolina General Assembly House Bill 959 regulating the use of cell phones and other wireless communication devices during school instructional time in all grades K-12. "...shall prohibit students from using, displaying or having a wireless communication device turned on during instructional time."

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Within the classroom setting, all personal and wireless electronic devices including but not limited to cell phones, ear buds, headphones and smart watches - will not be used, displayed or turned on during class time. Cell Phones will be placed in the 'Phone Hotel' for the duration of the class. Cell Phones are allowed during Class Changes and Lunch. Students who violate the District/School policy will be assigned the appropriate consequences by the teacher and if required by the Administration.

1st Incident – Teacher warning and redirection

2nd Incident – Admin Referral –1 Day ISS

3rd Incident – Admin Referral – 2 Day ISS

4th Incident – Admin Referral – 3 Day ISS

Students who bring their own electronic items to school do so at their own risk. The school will take no responsibility for these items while students are on campus or on school-sponsored events.

Any violation of the GCS policy (such as taking unauthorized photographs, recording and/or posting inappropriate materials, cyber-bullying and harassment, etc.) will result in immediate disciplinary action.

Driver’s Education

North Carolina has legislation reflecting a statewide effort to motivate and encourage students to complete their high school education. The law requires the revocation of the student’s driving permit or license if the student does not maintain adequate academic progress or drops out of school. Adequate academic progress is defined as passing five (5) subjects under a traditional schedule (6 period day) or 3 out of 4 classes as in a block schedule school. First and second semester grades are used.

North Carolina legislation requires a student to present a school-issued Driving Eligibility Certificate, which is good for 30 days to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a permit or license. In order to obtain the Driver’s Eligibility Certificate students must pick up the form from the office. This form should be returned to the office with a parent signature, a certified copy of the student’s birth certificate, and a Driver’s Education Completion Certificate.

*Driver’s Education is taught by the North Carolina Driving School who uses Grimsley High School facilities. To sign up for classes log on to [www.northcarolinadrivingschool.com](http://www.northcarolinadrivingschool.com). Please call the North Carolina Driving School at 1-800-375-6550 to sign up for a course, ask questions, or express concerns.*

Online Payments

Cafeteria meals, textbooks, field trips, and other school fees can now be paid online using [www.SchoolCashOnline.com](http://www.SchoolCashOnline.com). A small convenience fee will be assessed. Visit our website for more information.

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Bell Schedule

Zero Period	8:15 - 9:10	
First Period	9:15 - 10:14	
Second Period	10:21 - 11:36	
Third Period	11:42 - 12:37	
Fourth Period	12:37 - 1:17 First Lunch	12:43 - 1:38Fourth Period
	1:23 - 2:18 Fourth Period	1:38 - 2:18 Second Lunch
Fifth Period	2:24 - 3:19	
Sixth Period	3:25 - 4:20	

First Lunch	Second Lunch
Main, Home Eco, Old Cafe, Gym, Media	Old Science, New Science, Vocational, Music